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Reports from Matanzas, Cardenas, Isabela de Sagua, and Caibarien.

MATANZAS, CUBA, January 14, 1901.

SIR : I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of the quarantine district under my command for the week ended January 12, 1901 :

Matanzas.—Fifteen deaths occurred in the city of Matanzas during the period covered by this report, showing a mortality of 17.28 per 1,000.

The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis, 5; tetanus, infantile, 2; malaria, 1; enteritis, 1; cerebral hemorrhage, 1; other causes, 5. No case of infectious or contagious character has been reported during the week. Ten vessels arrived during the week; 8 of these were inspected and passed and 2 passed without inspection. Nine bills of health were issued to vessels leaving this port. Five health certificates were issued to persons leaving the island. Three pieces of baggage were passed without inspection.

I submit herewith table of mortality statistics for the city of Matanzas during the month of December, 1900 :

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| Tuberculosis..... | 13 | Tetanus, infantile..... | 3 |
| Heart disease..... | 8 | Fracture of skull..... | 2 |
| Enteritis | 5 | Malaria..... | 2 |
| Congenital debility..... | 5 | Arterio sclerosis..... | 2 |
| Atresia..... | 3 | Yellow fever..... | 1 |
| Senility..... | 3 | Dysentery | 1 |
| Peritonitis..... | 1 | Intestinal paresis..... | 1 |
| Softening of brain..... | 1 | Eclampsia..... | 1 |
| Wound of heart..... | 1 | | |
| Marasmus..... | 1 | Total | 54 |

The above mortality indicates a death rate of 14.32 per 1,000, which is an excellent showing and one that has never before been observed in this city.

Cardenas.—Acting Asst. Surg. Enrique Saez reports that during the week ended January 5, 1901, 10 deaths occurred in Cardenas of the following causes: Tuberculosis, 2; malarial fever, 1; cerebral hemorrhage, 1; typhoid fever, 1; alcoholism, 1; meningitis, 1; other causes, 4. No case of infectious or contagious disease was reported. The death rate during the week was 21 per 1,000. Thirteen vessels arrived during the week; 3 of these were foreign vessels and 10 coasting vessels. No bill of health has been issued during the week.

For the week ended January 12, 1901, I beg to submit the following report: Eight deaths occurred in Cardenas of the following causes: Tuberculosis, 3; pneumonia, 1; gangrene, 1; enteritis, 1; tetanus, infantile, 1; other causes, 3. No case of infectious or contagious character was reported. The death rate for the week was 16.80 per 1,000. Fourteen vessels arrived during the week; 9 of these were foreign vessels and 5 coasting vessels. Seven bills of health were issued during the week.

Isabela de Sagua.—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro Garcia Riera reports that 14 vessels were inspected and passed on arrival during the week and 12 bills of health were issued to vessels leaving the port. No report of death rate has been received during the week.

Caibarien.—Acting Asst. Surg. Leoncio Junco reports that the death rate for the two weeks ended January 12, 1901, was 1.34 per 1,000. The sanitary condition of the port and town continues good. Six ves-

sels were passed without inspection and 6 bills of health were issued during the week.

Respectfully,

G. M. GUITÉRAS,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Nuevitas, Puerto Padre, Gibara, and Baracoa.

NUEVITAS, CUBA, *January 7, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended January 5, 1901: Seven vessels arrived at this port and 7 bills of health were issued. There have been no deaths and the sanitary condition is fair. The weather has been dry, with cool nights.

Puerto Padre.—Reports show the arrival of 3 vessels, 3 bills of health issued, 1 death, and sanitary conditions good.

Gibara.—Reports show the arrival of 5 vessels, 5 bills of health issued, 2 deaths, and sanitary conditions good.

Baracoa.—Reports show the arrival of 5 vessels, 6 bills of health issued, 4 deaths, and good sanitary condition. There is no report of quarantinable disease at any point in the district.

Respectfully,

OWEN W. STONE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

NUEVITAS, CUBA, *January 14, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended January 12, 1901: Eight vessels arrived at this port and 9 bills of health were issued. There was 1 death from tetanus. The weather continues dry and cool and the sanitary condition is fair.

Gibara.—Reports show the arrival of 5 vessels, 5 bills of health issued, 4 deaths, and sanitary condition good.

Baracoa.—Reports show the arrival of 4 vessels, 6 bills of health issued, 5 deaths, and sanitary condition good.

While there are no telegraphic reports from the other substations, coastwise bills of health show no quarantinable disease at any point.

Respectfully,

OWEN W. STONE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report of immigrants inspected at the port of Nuevitas, Cuba, during the month of January, 1901.

Total number of immigrants inspected, 1; number passed, 1.

OWEN W. STONE,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

ENGLAND.

Further concerning plague on the steamship Friary, at Hull.

HULL, ENGLAND, *January 19, 1901.*

Five deaths, plague, all crew *Friary*. No further cases. Every precaution taken. Full particulars by mail.

THOMAS.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.